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Public Act No. 07-47

***AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED
TO THE CHILD POVERTY AND PREVENTION COUNCIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsections (f) and (g) of section 4-67x of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(f) (1) On or before [January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, until January 1, 2015] January first of each year from 2006 to 2015, inclusive, the council shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and human services and to the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children on the implementation of the plan, progress made toward meeting the child poverty reduction goal specified in subsection (a) of this section and the extent to which state actions are in conformity with the plan. The council shall meet at least two times annually for the purposes set forth in this section.

(2) On or before [January 1, 2007] January first of each year from 2007 to 2015, inclusive, the council shall, within available appropriations, report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the

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Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, education, human services and public health and to the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, on the state's progress in prioritizing expenditures in budgeted state agencies with membership on the council in order to fund prevention services. The report shall include (A) a summary of measurable gains made toward the child poverty and prevention goals established in this section; (B) a copy of each such agency's report on prevention services submitted to the council pursuant to subsection (g) of this section; (C) examples of successful interagency collaborations to meet the child poverty and prevention goals established in this section; and (D) recommendations for prevention investment and budget priorities. In developing such recommendations, the council shall consult with experts and providers of services to children and families.

(g) (1) On or before [November 1, 2006, and on or before November 1, 2007] November first of each year from 2006 to 2014, inclusive, each budgeted state agency with membership on the council that provides prevention services to children shall, within available appropriations, report to the council in accordance with this subsection.

(2) Each agency report shall include at least two prevention services [for the report due on or before November 1, 2006, and the report due on or before November 1, 2007,] not to exceed the actual number of prevention services provided by the agency. For each prevention service reported by the agency, the agency report shall include (A) a statement of the number of children and families served, (B) a description of the preventive purposes of the service, (C) for [the report due on or before November 1, 2007] reports due after November 1, 2006, a description of performance-based standards and outcomes included in relevant contracts pursuant to subsection (h) of this section, and (D) any performance-based vendor accountability

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protocols.

(3) Each agency report shall also include (A) long-term agency goals, strategies and outcomes to promote the health and well-being of children and families, (B) overall findings on the effectiveness of prevention within such agency, (C) a statement of whether there are methods used by such agency to reduce disparities in child performance and outcomes by race, income level and gender, and a description of such methods, if any, and (D) other information the agency head deems relevant to demonstrate the preventive value of services provided by the agency. Long-term agency goals, strategies and outcomes reported under this subdivision may include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(i) With respect to health goals, increasing (I) the number of healthy pregnant women and newborns, (II) the number of youths who adopt healthy behaviors, and (III) access to health care for children and families;

(ii) With respect to education goals, increasing the number of children who (I) are ready for school at an appropriate age, (II) learn to read by third grade, (III) succeed in school, (IV) graduate from high school, and (V) successfully obtain and maintain employment as adults;

(iii) With respect to safety goals, decreasing (I) the rate of child neglect and abuse, (II) the number of children who are unsupervised after school, (III) the incidence of child and youth suicide, and (IV) the incidence of juvenile crime; and

(iv) With respect to housing goals, increasing access to stable and adequate housing.

Sec. 2. Section 4-67v of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

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For [the] each biennial budget for the fiscal years [commencing July 1, 2007, and July 1, 2008] ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, the Governor's budget document shall, within available appropriations, include a prevention report that corresponds with the prevention goals established in section 4-67x, as amended by this act. The prevention report shall:

(1) Present in detail for each fiscal year of the biennium the Governor's recommendation for appropriations for prevention services classified by those budgeted agencies that provide prevention services to children, youths and families;

(2) Indicate the state's progress toward meeting the goal that, by the year 2020, at least ten per cent of total recommended appropriations for each such budgeted agency be allocated for prevention services; and

(3) Include, for each applicable budgeted agency and any division, bureau or other unit of the agency, (A) a list of agency programs that provide prevention services, (B) the actual prevention services expenditures for the fiscal year preceding the biennium, by program, (C) the estimated prevention services expenditures for the first fiscal year of the biennium, (D) an identification of research-based prevention services programs, and (E) a summary of all prevention services by each applicable budgeted agency identifying the total for prevention services included in the budget.

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